

Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) Report Card

Hidden Falls Regional Park Water Crossing Pollution Prevention Project

Regional Water Board	Region 5S - Sacramento
Total Project Cost	\$719,480
SEP Funding	\$178,500
Approval Date	10/7/2011
Project Category	Restoration

OUTCOMES: Satisfactory
 Unsatisfactory

Summary

The 1,200 acre Hidden Falls Regional Park (HFRP) was purchased by Placer County under the Placer Legacy Open Space and Agricultural Conservation Program for the purpose of open space conservation and passive recreation. HFRP is bisected by approximately three miles of Coon Creek. Prior to completion of this bridge, the only vehicle access across it was through the streambed.

The Placer County Department of Facility Services constructed a 100-foot span concrete arch bridge over Coon Creek and abandoned the existing in-stream water crossing. The abandoned crossing area within the riparian zone was re-planted/seeded with native plants. The bridge now provides vehicle access for maintenance, emergency response, and non-motorized pedestrian use.

Within 1 month of construction, salmon were observed spawning here, near the bridge

Project Location Map



Newly Constructed Bridge over Coon Creek



Water Quality Outcomes

- *Abandoning the in-stream crossing eliminated vehicle traffic in Coon Creek within HFRP thereby eliminating a sediment source and providing protection for anadromous fish, western pond turtles, and other biological resources in the riparian corridor.*
- *Less than one month from bridge completion, a pair of salmon were observed spawning near the bridge*
- *The bridge also provides access to fire fighting and emergency response equipment in the event of a wild fire.*